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the knowledge or consent of the Manager, and that made matters worse. There were about Rs. 4,000 given out in store money every week in the district and more than half of the amount went into the arrack taverns. The Member therefore requested that the shops at Maimallay and Kuttikanum might be closed and that no others be allowed in the district, and that the seven new licenses might also be cancelled.

Dewan's reply.—In regard to the seven new arrack shops, I understand that the Excise Commissioner has already received a complaint from a neighbouring renter and is taking action to close them. The two old shops at Maimallay and Kuttikanum cannot be disturbed during the currency of the present lease, which expires only by the end of 1084. In future years, before granting new leases, the Excise Commissioner will be asked to inform the Association of the sites where the shops are proposed to be located and allow the Association an opportunity of giving their views on the matter. But it should be distinctly understood that Government are not bound to fix the sites of shops only at places approved of by the Association.

61. *Alteration of the Peermade Magistrate's jurisdiction.*

Mr. H. D. Deane (Member, Rubber Planters' Association) said that the inconvenience and loss of time and money, owing to the very vague boundaries published in the Gazette of 1053 as being the boundaries between Kanjirapalli and the Peermade division of the Cardamom Hills, was represented by him at the second and third sessions of the Assembly and that early action was promised. The District Magistrate, Cardamom Hills, inspected the boundaries in July last, and he was in favour of making the watershed of the Pulagai Aur river, north of the Kumili road, the western boundary as far as the source of the Meenachil river, and on the south of the Kumili road from the Mundakayam large bridge along the Nedumthodu to its junction with Athampan Thodu, thence along the main ridge to Kombukattu and Chennapara elephant pits, and thence east along the Mathumba thodu and the northern boundary of the Rani Reserve to meet the Chenganmur-Changanachery taluk boundary, thence east to Chavarimalai. The proposed boundaries would be very convenient and would include all the rubber estates owned by Europeans, except the estates of Mundakayam and Vallenardie, the proprietors of which estates would like their surveyed acreage also, if possible, included as a special concession, at any rate as a temporary measure. In connection with the question of magisterial jurisdiction, he pointed out that, in the very near future, the population in

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and around Mundakayam would be enormously increased and within the next four to five years there would be at least 12,000 to 15,000 labourers on the estates now under cultivation with rubber. This must bring traders and artisans in numbers to the district, and it was a matter for consideration, before deciding on a new court-house at Kanjirapalli, whether the Peermade Court could not be declared a Munsiff's Court. As there was plenty of space available, no new building would be necessary except an extra clerk's room. Such a Court would suit Peermade and would be convenient also for the Mundakayam estates. Ponkunnam was very inconvenient for both the Peermade and Mundakayam estates. If the Munsiff's Court were built at Mundakayam within the Cardamom Hills jurisdiction and the Peermade Court declared a Munsiff's Court, the wants of these important districts would be fully met. He therefore said that the Association strongly protested against the suggested removal of the Ponkunnam Court to Meenachil unless the Sirkar sanctioned a Munsiff's Court at Mundakayam or Peermade.

Dewan's reply.—The reports of the District Magistrates concerned, about the jurisdiction of the Kanjirapalli and Peermade Magistrates, have been received. I shall go through the papers and shall also visit the locality in about a month before disposing of the question. The views of the Member about the civil jurisdiction are noted. This is a matter in which the High Court have to be consulted, before anything is definitely settled. I may however tell you that there is at present no proposal before Government regarding the transfer of the Court at Kanjirapalli, as referred to by the Member.

62. *Construction of a pucka building for the Mundakayam dispensary.*

Mr. H. D. Deane (Member, Rubber Planters' Association) said that the Mundakayam dispensary consisted of only three rooms and the accommodation was very inadequate to the actual requirements of the large district of which Mundakayam is the centre. The average daily attendance of out-patients was about 46. There was no provision made for contagious diseases and no accommodation for in-patients. The Planters had themselves erected two hospitals, one on the Kadamangalam estate built and equipped by the Central Travancore and Travancore Rubber Estate Companies, and the other on the Yendaar estate built by Mr. J. Murphy and maintained by the Yendaar, Eldorado and Kutikal estates and these hospitals, which had suitable wards for in-patients, did much to alleviate suffering among the labourers at the northern and southern ends of the district. But the Government dispensary had no proper accommoda-

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